

WILL RETIRE AFTER 12 YEARS' SERVICE

Corporation Commissioner Rogers Not to Stand for Renomination.

SWIFT & COMPANY INDICTED

Legislative Committee Begins Investigation of Fisheries Condition.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., March 14.—After twelve years' service to the State as a member of the North Carolina Corporation Commission, Hon. S. L. Rogers, of Franklin, Macon county, decides that he will not stand for renomination in the State Democratic convention that has been called to meet in Charlotte July 14. Mr. Rogers issued a card to-day in which he says:

"For some time I have been inclined to retire from the commission at the expiration of my present term. As the date for the State convention has been fixed by the committee, I now deem it my duty to make known to my friends throughout the State that I have decided not to be a candidate before the convention for renomination. When I recall the honors repeatedly conferred upon me by a generous party and loyal friends I feel a deep sense of gratitude for the opportunity which they gave me to serve the State in the public good. And my sense of obligation for these past favors will, in private life, come to me; I hope to better than ever before serve my party and those who hold my grateful esteem. With this purpose in view, I shall cheerfully return to the ranks."

In connection with the issuance of this announcement to the press, Commissioner Rogers discussed most interestingly the scope of the work of the commission since its creation by legislative enactment in 1895 as a corporation having power of jurisdiction over corporations doing public service and by an amendatory act given taxing power over all corporations. Two members of the commission—Chairman Franklin McNeill and Mr. Rogers—have been members of the commission ever since its reorganization in 1899. Mr. Rogers speaks with gratification of the work accomplished by the commission during these years, both in its corporation regulation and taxing capacities. The commission has disposed of more than 4,000 cases without appeal by the people in but a single instance. Enforcement of the laws with respect to the regulation of the races was made without friction; the requiring of block signals controlling the movement of all trains; the use of electric headlights on freight and passenger engines; safety appliances for street cars and vestibules for the protection of motorists, have all been provided in a most satisfactory way.

In its supervision of State banks it is remarkable that out of more than 300, with resources approximating more than \$50,000,000, there has been, covering a period of ten years, but ten failures, and in but two instances any loss to depositors.

Swift and Company Indicted. The city of Raleigh has procured indictments against Swift and Company and their local agent, under Chapter 508, Title 14, Laws of 1907, for selling to dealers on credit, without a license, a maximum fine of \$2,000. Several hogs were condemned the past week.

To-day members of the legislative committee appointed to look into the fishing conditions on the Carolina coast, and report to the next General Assembly, made a comprehensive and adequate study of the fishing industry, and after a long session, they have passed a bill to amend the Fisheries Department of the State.

Corn Meal Seized. The United States authorities have just seized 206 bushels of corn meal in New Bern for violations of the pure food law, the shipment, which was from the Mountain City Mills Company, of Tennessee, being declared to be of inferior quality and short in weight. This is the second seizure in New Bern by the government within the past two weeks.

Blockade Distillery Destroyed. Deputy Revenue Collector K. W. Merrill raided a blockade distillery in Randolph county, near Stanley, Saturday, and destroyed a sixty-gallon still, 700 gallons of beer, and twelve bushels of meal. Two men at work at the still made their escape, having detected the approach of the officers before they had gotten within 100 yards of the place. The conditions indicated that the blockade distillers were just making their first run, and that they had not actually made any whiskey there at all.

To Investigate Pellagra. Washington, March 14.—Passed. Assistant Surgeon C. H. Lavinder, of the public Health and Marine Hospital Service, was today designated to go to Milan and other places in Italy for the purpose of making an investigation into the origin and prevalence of pellagra, and into the measures taken to combat the disease.

Will Send Delegate to Conference. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Staunton, Va., March 14.—The Workmen's Fraternal Association, composed of men who work, whether with tools or brain—hence of laborers, lawyers, merchants and others—has accepted an invitation from the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce to attend a convention to be held in that city in May, to advertise the resources of the State, and will send Charles E. Jones as delegate.

Military Companies Inspected. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Staunton, Va., March 14.—Captain Patton, United States Army, this afternoon and to-night inspected the United Rifles and West Augusta rifle and regimental staffs and the First Regiment. This is headquarters of the regiment.

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Engagement Announced. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Staunton, Va., March 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Wise, of Harrisonburg, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Flossie, to Maurice Cohen, of this city.

Jefferson Society Wins Banner. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Woodstock, Va., March 14.—Professor C. V. Smith, of Harrisonburg, and Hon. E. D. Newman, of Woodstock, the judges, awarded the Jefferson Society the prize for the prize in the annual intersociety debate with the Poe Society, of Massachusetts Academy.

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THOMAS HELD IN \$500 BOND.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Hampton, Va., March 14.—Wise Thomas, arrested for attempting to assassinate Harry Monroe, of Portsmouth, here Saturday night, was today held in \$500 bond for trial on Wednesday. He declines to discuss the case against him. To-night the family of Miss Alice Kneveton admitted that she and Monroe were married in North Carolina last August. It was planned to announce the marriage in the paper, but the news was broken up by the plans. Mr. Monroe, with his bride and parents, left for Portsmouth this afternoon.

RESIGNS AS CHAIRMAN.

Change in Committee Having in Charge Election of Memorial Temple. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Fredericksburg, Va., March 14.—Clarence R. Howard, who for the past four years has been chairman of the Washington Masonic Memorial Temple Committee of Lodge No. 4, of this city, has tendered his resignation of the chairmanship of that committee, which has about \$10,000 available for the erection here of a temple as a memorial to George Washington. The committee has accepted the resignation, and has elected Mr. Howard as a member. There is great diversity of opinion and much discussion of the question of a suitable site for the temple.

BOY DROWNED IN RIVER.

Fishing With Several Companions When Boat Upset and One Was Lost. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Cape Charles, Va., March 14.—Carlton Nelson, fourteen years old, was drowned in the Nantuxee River this morning. He and other boys, about the same age, young Nelson went out in a boat to fish. In some manner the boat was upset, and the four boys were thrown into the water. All of the boys could swim, but being so far from shore and dressed in heavy clothing they thought it best to hold on to the boat and yell for help. They did, but before a relief party reached them young Nelson let go and was lost.

WILL LATER RESUME TRIAL.

Damage Suit Against City Adjudged from Trial Postponed Until Thursday. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Fredericksburg, Va., March 14.—The damage suit in which Miss Maude Allison is suing the city of Fredericksburg for \$10,000 for alleged injuries resulting from having, as she claims, stepped through a hole in the pavement in this city, which has been in progress in the Corporation Court for several days, was adjourned Saturday evening until Thursday morning, March 17. This was done in order to allow the jurors, who are citizens of Stafford county, and small sums of money and a few articles of value.

Thieves Break Into Residence.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Farmville, Va., March 14.—Willie Mr. and Mrs. J. Taylor Thompson and their visiting guests were attending church last night, when thieves broke into their home on St. George Street and stole several small sums of money and a few articles of value.

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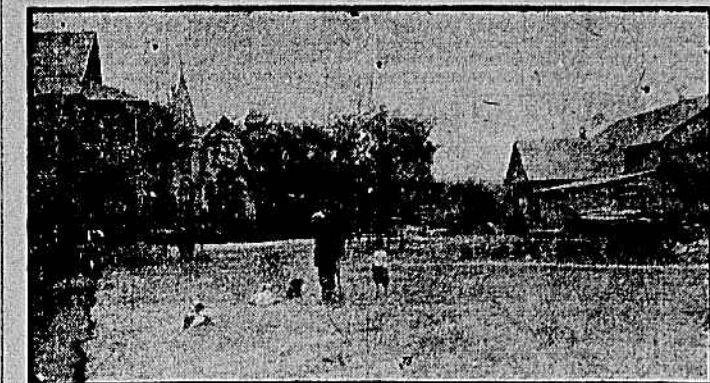
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FARMERS' INSTITUTE TRAIN STARTS ON SPRING CAMPAIGN



Principle Street, Columbia, Va.

St. John's Episcopal Church, Columbia.



Sabat—First Stop of Institute Train.

BY FRANK S. WOODSON.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Scottsville, Va., March 14.—The first Farmers' Institute train of the spring season started out for the James River section of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway this morning in charge of K. T. Crawley, industrial agent of that road, and under the agricultural guidance of G. W. Kolner, Commissioner of Agriculture and Immigration of the State government.

Last year a "farmers' institute" train was run over this road, touching all of its divisions, as a kind of experiment. It proved a good thing for the railway, as well as for the general development of agricultural interests.

The Chesapeake and Ohio never does anything by halves or in any way like halfhearted measure, and so when the arrangement of the train for this spring's campaign was left to that man Crawley, he just fixed it up "according to Hoyle."

The train which left Richmond at 9 o'clock this morning as a farmers' institute train, consisted of an engine in charge of one of the best men on the line, four coaches, or cars, including a baggage car for special purposes, two passenger coaches and a first-class combination Pullman car, which is a diner, a sleeper and an observation car. The Pullman will be the home for a week or ten days of the agricultural lecturers abroad.

Mr. Crawley had provided the train with all of the comforts and conveniences required for the lecturers, and not a trick peculiar to the business, and it is a new business in Virginia, was left unturned by him to make the trip a success.

The coaches and the baggage car are used as "auditoriums" in which the farmers' meetings are being held at the various stopping places.

Meetings Well Attended. At Sabat, to-day one of the "auditoriums" was well filled at Columbia two were well enough crowded and at Dillwyn all three were crowded and an overflow meeting on the platform was necessary. However, the lecturers were plentiful and while one man talked potatoes in one car, another talked about corn in the next car, and on the platform still another, told how to manure and fertilize land, and in the baggage car the writer got in a few remarks about good roads, or how to market all the good things that the other speakers told how to raise.

The coming and stops of the "Farmers' institute" train had been duly advertised by Mr. Crawley, who is right up to snuff, and the farmers along the route, who remembered the famous institute train on this road of a year ago, turned out in large numbers to hear and to learn more about progressive farming.

Numbers of farmers who came to the institute train to-day gave evidence that the work of last year was good. In Goodland county men came aboard who testified that they, acting upon the information they obtained last year from the institute train, had made a hundred bushels of potatoes grow where before they had made less than forty.

Men who heretofore made less than forty bushels of corn to the acre declared that by following the methods laid down by Prof. Helges last year they had made very nearly double that quantity.

Blessed With Reports. Commissioner Kolner and Mr. Crawley are simply delighted with these reports, so much so that one of today's meetings was converted into an experience meeting.

But to go back to the institute train. It left Richmond on time, and made up as above indicated. The agricultural train aboard was about as follows:

G. W. Kolner, Commissioner of Agriculture, who was general agricultural boss; J. P. Gordon, of Ohio, potato lecturer; S. B. "Doc" W. D. Hatan county corn "doctor"; W. D. Walker, August Stabler, of Maryland, land improvement expert; Mr. Polling, a newspaper man, of West Virginia; Nelson Elam, a famous caterer, who has charge of the dining car; and writer, and a complement of trainmen, including a most accommodating conductor.

At Lynchburg the institute train will be joined by Professor Price, of Blacksburg, who will talk on fruit-growing when the train gets into the fruit country; by W. W. Sproul, who is a potato expert, and probably by others, but the train does not need many more lecturers. It has a pretty full complement as the case stands.

The first stop out from Richmond was made at Sabat, a lively little station in Goodland county, about ten miles from the Henric line. It was an early morning hour when the institute train hit Sabat, but all the same there were fifty or more farmers out to attend the lectures. The train held up an hour and a half, and during that time Mr. Gordon talked on potatoes

as a money crop, and Mr. Stabler gave his own experience as to how to improve lands by the use of legumes, such as cowpeas, crimson clover, soybeans, etc.

At Columbia, in Fluvanna county, as many as a hundred people came out to hear the theoretical farmers, and they got a lot of theory as well as practical information.

The speakers were Mr. Helges, who, as usual, talked corn, and Mr. Zinn, who showed how the soil may be improved by raising live stock, and how the live stock pays in the meantime. At Bremo the institute train cut off on the Buckingham county branch of the road and went to Dillwyn, where a big meeting was held.

Interesting Meeting at Columbia. At Columbia, where fifty or more farmers attended the institute, the speakers were Professor Helges, who spoke in his usual interesting way on corn breeding and corn culture. He was followed by W. D. Zinn, of West Virginia, whose theme was live stock and soil improvement. He told the farmers from his own experience how to breed better stock and how to support and take care of them on their own soil by improving that soil and making it bring more grass and grain upon which to feed the stock. The Columbia meeting was a most interesting one.

Remainder of Itinerary. From Scottsville the train will move westward to hold institutes at Buena Vista, Buchanan, Onkany, New Castle and Covington after Postmaster Eli Warren, of Bristol, in referring to the inspectors sent here recently to investigate the Bristol office, "I have in disposition they even treated discourteously. I was advised later, a young lady clerk in the office."

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ing one. It was attended by farmers from three counties, and they were representative farmers, too, the kind that pick up good information and carry it home and spread it. They got a whole lot of information to-day, information that is good to be spread.

Big Attendance at Dillwyn. The institute at Dillwyn, the leading station on the Buckingham branch of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, was the big feature of the day, more than two hundred people, including thirty or more women, being in attendance. The auditorium car could not hold the crowd, and the meeting was adjourned to the Baptist Church in the village. There Commissioner Kolner, in a general introductory speech, simply spread himself. The big crowd and the splendid attention given by the people encouraged the commissioner greatly, and he grew eloquent.

He was followed by Mr. Gordon, whose subject, as before, was potatoes as a money crop, and might well did he handle the subject. Mr. Stabler followed Mr. Gordon, and his address was along the same line as that at Sabat. The big crowd was encouraging to the speakers, and in a measure overcame the chilliness of the unheated building in which they had to speak. It is probable that none of the farmers' institute trains that have as yet been out under the auspices of Commissioner Kolner has had a more cordial reception than this one.

The institute train will spend the night at Scottsville, and to-morrow morning a big meeting will be held there.

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